

## Plans Adopted for Leongatha Railway Transformation

South Gippsland Shire Council has adopted the concept masterplan for the much needed transformation of the Leongatha Railway Site.

The concept masterplan includes multiple community benefits that would revitalise an important location in South Gippsland's regional centre.

The proposed plan will be staged to enable the bridge and carpark to proceed to detailed design. Prior to commencing staging plans and detailed design on the remaining area testing of the site will be undertaken alongside further collaboration with key community groups.

Key features of the proposed development include a foot bridge connection from Bair Street and additional bike, car and long vehicle parking.

An extension of the rail trail through the site, all abilities playground, family barbeque area, a flexible open space area for recreation and events, a traffic education area, exercise station circuit are still under consideration for the site.

The plan has also considered the benefits of holding events such as markets and concerts along with providing family inclusive facilities.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt has expressed the importance of community event hubs such as the Leongatha Railway Site.

"A new hub such as this will bring our community together and encourage families to enjoy the outdoors.

"It will also attract visitors to the area which will help our small and locally owned businesses with the emphasis on stopping and not only resting but seeing what Leongatha has to offer.

"It is vital that this key piece of infrastructure functions to its full capability. We are undertaking a staged approach to this masterplan to ensure this is fulfilled correctly," said the Mayor.

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